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Film. Meet the characters from the latest comics extravaganza, based on one of the more cultish — and silliest — Marvel titles. And our critic finds it a refreshing change of pace in a line of movies that have gotten repetitive. PAGES 14, 18

SPACE ODDITIES

Chris Pratt, a treelike creature played by Vin Diesel, a raccoon voiced by Bradley Cooper, David Bautista and Zoe Saldana are the "Guardians of the Galaxy," coming to theaters this weekend. / MARVEL

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Today's tweet

"If Central Park is the next best thing to a beach that I can get in Manhattan I'll take it. #humpdayhappiness"
@allieduff

Bitten

More in New York infected with virus

Cases of chikungunya virus, a painful, mosquito-borne disease that has spread rapidly through the Caribbean in recent months, spiked higher in New York and New Jersey in the past week, according to new federal data. The number of cases in New Jersey more than doubled to 25, while New York has recorded 44 cases, the highest number outside Florida, where the disease first established a foothold in the United States, according to data released late Tuesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

'Worst,' 'best' lines on subway ranked

New York City.

A Straphangers Campaign report found the 2 train the worst and the 7 train the best.

It's a case of the terrible 2.

The No. 2 was deemed the worst subway line, with more train breakdowns and less frequent arrivals than the transit system average, according to the Straphangers Campaign's 16th "State of the Subways" report released on Wednesday.

The 7 line was the best, scoring high for frequency of service and seat availability during rush hour. There was nearly an 80 percent on-time rate and fewer breakdowns on that line, the report said.

Gene Russianoff, senior attorney for the Straphangers Campaign, said he's always struck by the disparity among the trains, despite all lines costing \$2.50 a swipe.

"You can get a much better trip on a 7 than you can on a 2," Russianoff said. "It's kind of a parlor trick in New York — finding the best subway for your money."

Nineteen subway lines were given dollar rankings based on train frequency, service regularity, breakdowns, seat availability at rush hour, cleanliness and in-car announcements, using data



The 7 train was ranked the best according to the new Straphangers Campaign report, while the 2 train got the lowest marks. / BESS ADLER, METRO



Breakdowns

Across 20 lines, the car breakdown rate has worsened, the report found. Trains broke down every 172,700 miles on average in 2011, but that number shrunk 11.2 percent in 2013, to a mechanical failure every 153,382 miles.

Response

"MTA New York City Transit constantly analyzes performance data to monitor and improve service."

Statement from the MTA

largely from 2013.

The 2 train was the worst deal at \$1.30 out of a possible \$2.50, followed closely by the A, C and 5 lines at \$1.35. The 7 train rated \$2.

A few 2 and 7 train riders disputed the Straphanger Campaign's rankings, claiming their lines were better or worse, respectively. Others praised the system despite shortcomings.

Brooklyn resident Hassan Alamin, 63, was blunt in his assessment.

"People need to stop complaining," he said.

Samar Khurshid contributed reporting.

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Riders reflect



"There's no way the 7 is the best line. Just today it shut down and I was late for work. There's always construction between Queensboro Plaza and Times Square, which makes everyone have to take another line."

Andrew Schuring, 29, Model, Long Island City



"I take the 2 train a lot and it's actually been quite regular. I've lived here since 1993 and it just seems the trains are more crowded than before. In quite a few cars the air conditioning just goes out and it's terrible."

Julia Knight, 45, actor, Harlem

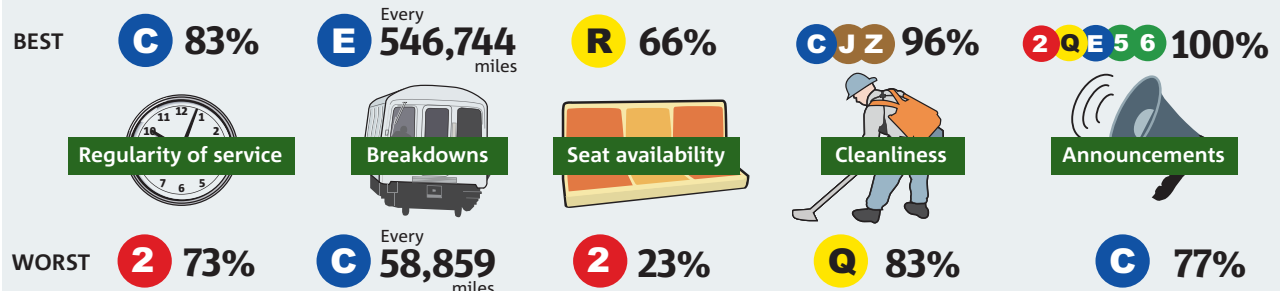


"The system could be much worse. There are still problems but overall, it's much better and much cleaner than, say, 20 years ago."

Sharon Preiss, 53, college professor, Long Beach

The best and worst subway lines

The Straphangers Campaign annual report card ranked how the different subway lines compared to each other on a range of subjects:



Fence to help prevent suicides from city bridge

Manhattan. The measure will make it harder for people wanting to leap from the George Washington Bridge.

Port Authority officials announced on Wednesday that they will install a safety fence at the George Washington Bridge to prevent and minimize suicide attempts.

There have already been 13 confirmed suicides this year from the George Washington Bridge compared to a total of 16 last year. Another 41 people were also prevented from

jumping. In response, the Port Authority plans to erect a 9-foot-high fence bordering the pedestrian walkway.

In the last few years, multiple measures have been introduced at the bridge to discourage suicides. Ron Marsico, spokesman for the Port Authority, said the agency has stepped up police patrols, installed new surveillance cameras and also placed hotline phones at the bridge, "preventing more than 75 deaths since the beginning of last year."

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention welcomed the latest measure. "It works because it gives people time. It gives officials an opportunity to

Grim number

13

The number of confirmed suicides from the George Washington Bridge since the start of the year.

intervene and it will save lives," Dr. Jill Harkavy-Friedman, vice president of research, AFSP said.

The fence is expected to cost between \$37 and \$47 million and is scheduled for completion in phases. The North walkway will be fenced by 2019 while the South side will be finished by 2022.

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Hero's welcome for recovering cop

Detective Mario Muniz was released from Bellevue Hospital on Wednesday to the cheers of his fellow officers at the NYPD. Muniz was shot on Monday while trying to arrest a suspected child molester. Two U.S. Marshals also wounded in the shootout were released as well. / NYPD

Manhattan

Court blocks stop-and-frisk appeal made by police unions

Police unions' attempt to inherit former Mayor Michael Bloomberg's fight against a judge's order to reform stop-and-frisk suffered another setback on Wednesday.

Federal District Judge Analisa Torres ruled against the request by a coalition of police labor groups who sought to take over an appeal against a ruling that instated reforms to the controversial police tactic that critics said disproportionately targets communities of color.

The unions vowed to

pursue another appeal.

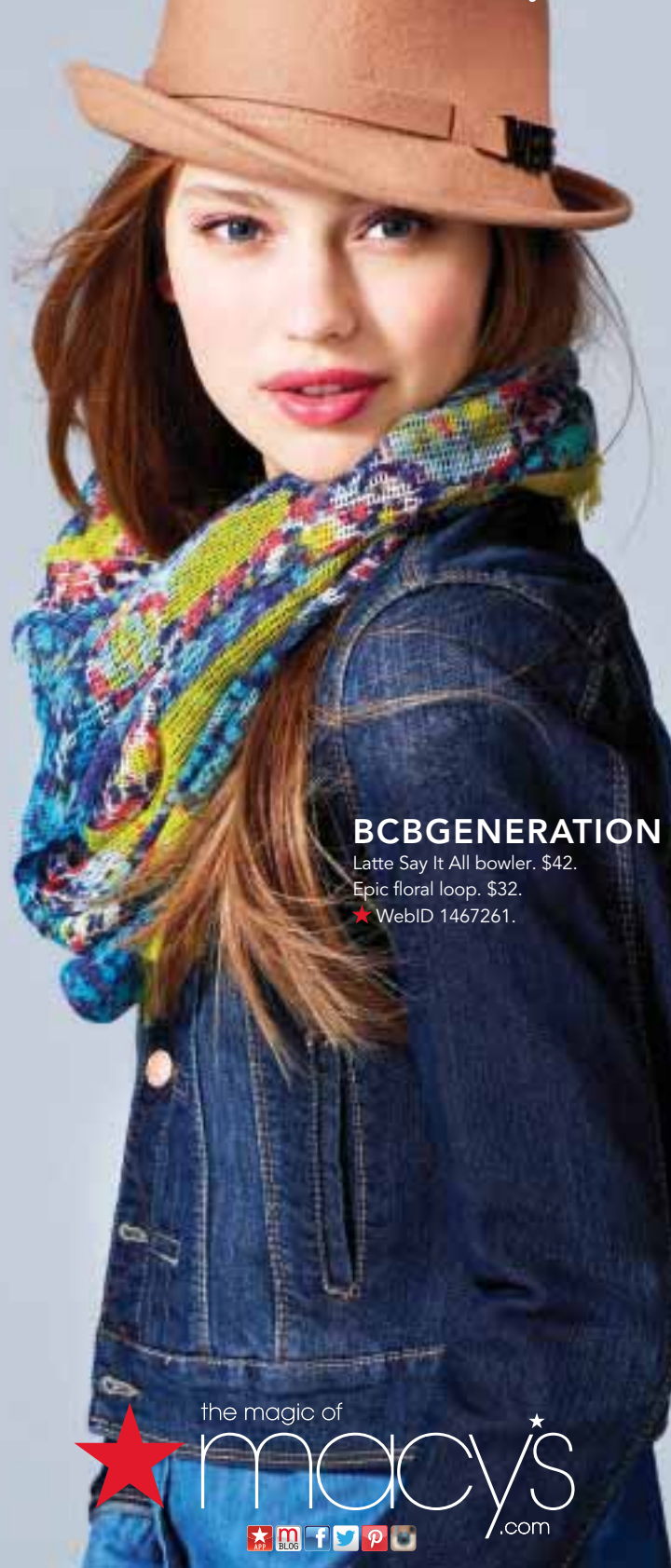
In his first month in office, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced his administration would drop the city's appeal.

"We believe these steps will make everyone safer," de Blasio said in January. "What we're putting in place here is a foundation of an even safer city."

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Alleged 'Molly' dealer arrested for overdose

Manhattan. The man was arrested for reportedly selling pills to someone who overdosed at the Electric Zoo festival.

An upstate New York man faces federal charges after prosecutors said he sold the synthetic drug known as “Molly” to a customer who died soon after at the Electric Zoo music festival last year.

Patrick Morgan, 23, was taken into police custody from his Buffalo home on Wednesday for allegedly selling the psychoactive pills to three people, including Jeffrey Russ, 23, of Rochester who later overdosed and died on Aug. 31.

Manhattan U.S. At-



The Electric Zoo Music Festival takes place on Randall's Island. / GETTY IMAGES

Roll of the dice

"It bears repeating that every time people use drugs like 'Molly' they are rolling the dice with their own lives ..."

Preet Bharara

torney Preet Bharara said Morgan is thought to have sold 80 pills to one of the three individuals who said they intended to use and distribute at the annual Electric Zoo festival that hosts 130,000 attendees.

Near the end of the first night of the event, Russ collapsed and went into a seizure after prosecutors said

he consumed the Molly
sold by Morgan.

Morgan is charged with conspiring to distribute narcotics and distributing narcotics. If convicted of both, he faces up to 40 years in prison.



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NYC. Largest climate march planned in city

A broad coalition is hoping to hold the world's largest climate march in Manhattan this September.

Organizers hope the People's Climate March will attract tens of thousands of participants from around the globe on Sept. 21.

If the coalition meets its goals, the event will be the largest single march on climate change in world history. More than 550 organizations are already participating, including several of

the city's biggest labor unions.

The march will be held two days before President Barack Obama and other world leaders attend a Climate Summit at the United Nations.

The aim of the summit is to get governments and industries to make new commitments to address climate change. Leaders will have to weigh the impact of new regulations on economic growth with the effects of changing global temperatures.

ANNA SANDERS

New York City

Woman busted with cocaine in underwear

Taneshia Walker was arrested on July 13 after arriving at John F. Kennedy International Airport on

a flight from Montego Bay, Jamaica. When officers patted Walker down, they found an object inside of her underwear. She is suspected of trying to smuggle 1.7 pounds of cocaine through the airport. **CHESTER JESUS SORIA**

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Carnage at UN school in Gaza



Palestinian relatives cry following the shelling. / GETTY IMAGES

Middle East conflict. Israel's security cabinet decided to continue its military offensive.

Israeli shelling killed at least 15 Palestinians sheltered in a U.N.-run school and another 17 near a street market on Wednesday, Gaza's Health Ministry said, with no ceasefire in sight after more than three weeks of intense fighting.

Some 3,300 Palestinians, including many

women and children, were taking refuge in the school in Jabalya refugee camp when it came under fire around dawn, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency said.

"Our initial assessment is that it was Israeli artillery that hit our school," UNRWA chief Pierre Krahenbuhl said in a statement.

An Israeli military spokeswoman said militants had fired mortar bombs from the vicinity of the school and troops shot back in response. The incident was still being reviewed. **REUTERS**

School bombing

UN: 'Enough is enough'

After another deadly attack on a U.N. school in Gaza sheltering



Palestinians from fighting between Israel and Hamas militants,

the United Nations declared "enough is enough" on Wednesday and asked, "When civilians are warned to leave, where do they go?"

A disheartened U.N. Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson said there was nowhere for people to flee the conflict that has killed some 1,200 Palestinians. **REUTERS**

Casualties

100+

The Gaza Health Ministry said 15 were killed in the school attack, with more than 100 wounded. The U.N. said 16 people were killed in the attack.

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OTHERS 'PALIN' COMPARISON

Roust the grizzlies, cue the northern lights and set the wolves to howling. Like a great river rushing from the Alaskan frontier, joy flooded my soul this week as Sarah Palin launched her own info channel. It's on the Internet, so it's not exactly the next HBO, but it is a bold excursion — and who better to mush the dogs than the intrepid former governor?

Her promotional video features classic Palin-speak like "Are you tired of media filters? Well, I am." She promises honest reporting on all the issues the mainstream media won't tackle ("Live bait or lures? You decide!"), interviews with "real" people, behind-the-scenes looks at her home life (marketing hint: this should be called Palinpalooza) and solutions to the nation's problems — the first of which will no doubt involve rounding up Democrats like caribou and herding them to Saskatoon.

The website features a national debt clock (counting up!) and the days left in the Obama administration (counting down!). There is an Image of the Day, which will probably be Ronald Reagan most of the time.

And mysteriously, the site also has a Word of the Day, which on Wednesday was "sedulous." I assumed this was a code; you know, dial the Heritage Foundation, say it and you'll be connected to a secret Trilateral Commission conference call.



Sarah Palin / GETTY IMAGES

Sadly, no. Still, I remain delighted by the existence of this channel, and as soon as "Law and Order: SVU" goes out of syndication, I will almost certainly cough up \$9.95 a month to start watching.

Do I expect any special insights? Not really. Palin had her moment in the political sun, she laid out her vision for America (less government/more moose hunting) and since then she's pretty much been just another cable-channel chatterbox.

But she is fascinating to observe, can sniff out populist sentiment like an arctic fox hunting voles and she knows how to grab the spotlight at key moments. These are the skills that define our politics these days, more than intelligence, experience or integrity. So worth watching? You betcha.



Quoted

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Shoddy loans

Bank of America ordered to pay \$1.27B for Countrywide fraud case

A federal judge on Wednesday ordered Bank of America to pay \$1.27 billion of damages after a federal jury found the U.S. bank liable for fraud over

defective mortgages sold by its Countrywide unit.

U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff in Manhattan ruled nine months after jurors found Bank of America and former Countrywide executive Rebecca Mairone liable for defrauding government-controlled mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac through the sale of shoddy loans by the former Countrywide Finan-



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cial Inc. in 2007 and 2008.

The case centered on a mortgage-lending process

known as "High Speed Swim Lane," "HSSL" or "Hustle," and which ended before Bank of America bought Countrywide in July 2008.

Investigators said the program emphasized quantity over quality, rewarding employees for producing more loans and eliminating checkpoints designed to ensure the loans' quality.

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Bistro cat food dispenser / 42ARK

with the device?

The whole thing started when I found my cat Momo, who had developed pancreatic cancer, lying paralyzed on the floor. For a long time, I was putting food and water in her bowl but had no idea whether she was eating it properly. It wasn't until I started hand-feeding her that I realized that she still had an appetite. It turns out that my other cats had been eating Momo's food. If I had noticed as soon as she had stopped eating, then she needn't have



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This week in health news

Inside the mind: Women in red

Love might be blind, but lust definitely isn't.

Researchers at the University of Rochester found that men assess women wearing red as particularly attractive. The reason? They perceive them as sexually available or sexually interested.

Men weren't the only ones making snap judgments. When women were shown photos of other women, they also pegged ladies in red as being more interested in sex, as well as more flirtatious and more sexually promiscuous.

Color is capable of conveying a wide array of information, regardless of our intentions, and understanding this might help us better manage social situations, according to the researchers.

Friends have more in common than interests



Not that Taylor Swift needs the help, but wearing red is a sure way to grab attention. / GETTY IMAGES

When it comes to our social networks, it seems that birds of a feather do indeed flock together.

A new study by the University of California at San Diego and Yale University suggests that people who are friends are as genetically alike as fourth cousins (who share a common great-great-great-grandparent). Researchers compared the DNA of pairs of friends versus pairs of strangers; out of nearly 2,000 people, they found that friends who don't have any ancestors in com-

mon are still genetically similar.

More specifically, the researchers discovered that the genes we share most in common with our friends are also the ones that are evolving the fastest. In fact, they suggested that the fact that we have friends may have turbocharged evolution.

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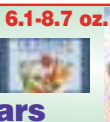


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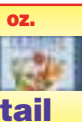
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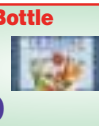
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All you need to know about 'Guardians of the Galaxy'

You knew Iron Man, Hulk and Thor before the Marvel movies started. But you might have no idea what the brand's latest blockbuster is or how it fits in with the rest of the gang. Let's break it down and chat with its stars. **NED EHRBAR**

Q&A

Chris Pratt: Incredible growing shrinking machine

Chris Pratt's waistline has been having quite the adventure. Lately he's been weight-shifting, getting into impressive shape to play a Navy SEAL in "Zero Dark Thirty" (230 lbs.) then flabbing out to play a heavyset lawyer in "the Delivery Man" (295 lbs.), then getting buff again for "Guardians of the Galaxy" (225 lbs.).

Mention that some of the body image issues projected on women by Hollywood might be crossing the gender divide, and he sounds almost proud. "Are you saying that I might be responsible for giving men body issues? That's the nicest thing anyone has ever said to me," he jokes.

But seriously, folks: "I'm sure I can't relate to what females go through in Hollywood. I do know what it feels like to eat emotionally — to be sad and make yourself happy with food, and then be immediately ashamed to try to hide those feelings with more food."



A green Zoe Saldana and Chris Pratt get close. / MARVEL



Pratt / GETTY IMAGES



Saldana / GETTY IMAGES

Zoe Saldana: Professional tough girl

"Guardians of the Galaxy" might mark Zoe Saldana's first Marvel movie, but she's no stranger to stunt work. When it came time to get fighting, the "Star Trek" and "Avatar" star had plenty to call upon. "There's muscle memory of the things I've done the past seven or eight years," she says. "Chris [Pratt] was like, 'I know you're very stunt-y, but just be yourself.' Around the third take he's like, 'Take it easy, baby. There's your mark.'"

But she is concerned with exactly how she uses her might, especially when bringing Gamora, an alien bred to be an assassin, to life. "I didn't want Gamora to look like any typical action person that's martial artsy, that just does those 'Underworld' jumps and lands on the ground and it breaks. I wanted her to be a little more graceful and classy in the way she fights," Saldana explains. "She has to be seductive to trick her enemy into falling into their own death."

Quoted

"I don't know, I think when people see me they have a certain perception of me because of the way I look. You know, I get it — the big muscles and tattoos — but it doesn't really explain who I am. The reason I have all these muscles is because I have issues." [Laughs]

David Bautista,
Drax the Destroyer



Primer

How this all relates to the other Marvel movies

Just because it's space doesn't mean it's the future. "Guardians of the Galaxy" is happening "now," on the same timeline as "The Avengers," etc. In fact, if you've been staying through the credits for Marvel's other films, you've already seen some pieces of this one: Thanos, the big bad guy ordering Ronan around — and voiced by Josh Brolin — first appeared in a post-credit sequence at the end of "The Avengers." It turns out he was the one helping Loki attack Earth in that film.

And at the end of "Thor: The Dark World," two Asgardians delivered the pesky Aether to The Collector (Benicio del Toro, pictured), explaining that it and the Tesseract are "infinity stones" — which will be important later, so keep them in mind. Look for The Collector to pop up here.

"What a bunch of a-holes": Meet the Guardians of the Galaxy



Peter Quill/ Star Lord

(Chris Pratt)

Peter Quill is an Earthling raised by his mother until her death in 1988, at which point the 11-year-old was picked up by a group of alien thieves and bounty hunters. He has a sharp wit, delusions of grandeur and an awesome mixtape of '70s hits.



Gamora

(Zoe Saldana)

This green-skinned alien orphan was abducted by big baddie Thanos and trained to be a living weapon along with her sister Nebula. She doesn't feel great about what she's been doing since then and is looking for a change.



Drax the Destroyer

(David Bautista)

A proud warrior, this colossus is out for revenge after his family was slaughtered by Ronan, a Kree alien madman in league with Thanos. But first he needs to get himself out of prison and figure out how sarcasm works.



Rocket Raccoon

(Bradley Cooper)

A bounty hunter and mercenary, Rocket has a bit of anger problem — due mostly to the fact that he's the product of genetic experiments by some unknown scientific madman. Fun fact: Rocket reveals in the film that he actually has no idea what a raccoon is.



Groot

(Vin Diesel)

A sentient, tree-like creature that can stretch to incredible limits, Groot also has a limited vocabulary. The tough-guy, traveling with Rocket as his faithful muscle, only has one sentence: "I am Groot." But you'll be amazed how expressive he can make that phrase.

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Morbid comedy. 'Calvary' finds dark laughs amid the Catholic Church sex scandal

John Michael McDonagh follows "The Guard" with another Irish comedy starring Brendan Gleeson. This one's more sober (but still hilarious): Gleeson plays a priest who learns that he has a week left to live — and then he'll be killed by a vengeful victim of the Catholic Church's sex abuse scandal.

The lowdown

The line between comedy and drama is usually sharply drawn. Not so in "Calvary," which blurs the line to such an extreme that it's genuinely disarming. The tone bobs and weaves, going from serious to funny on a dime. Gleeson's search for levity before his looming death proves cumbersome, in part because he's in a village of grotesques. Gleeson is not just the straight man, but the grumpy straight man who brings to each scene weary disdain and quips as good as he's given.

Despite the subject matter, the dialogue is punchy and



Kelly Reilly and Brendan Gleeson gaze in "Calvary." / FOX SEARCHLIGHT

Review

'Calvary'

Director: John Michael McDonagh

Stars: Brendan Gleeson, Kelly Reilly

Rating: R



worth jotting down. But the humor doesn't necessarily mean the film is dodging its serious subject matter. It helps complicate a film that doesn't want easy answers — that knows there's no quickie solution to the issue. It embraces complexity and chaos instead of trying to tame them. It attacks the Catholic Church without taking it down completely. And it deals with trauma while making unprintable sex jokes.

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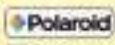
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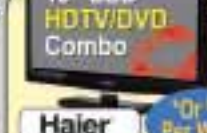
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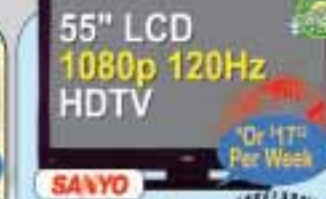
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Biography. James Brown is strong, but is he strong enough to battle the clichés of “Get On Up”?

The biopic genre is one of the mightiest in the movies, with a long history of turning iconoclasts into clichés and messy lives into clean narratives. Most of history’s great thinkers, doers and artists have been left in its wake. Can it even best Soul Brother No. 1? Here’s how “Get On Up” went down:

Review

‘Get On Up’

Director: Tate Taylor

Stars: Chadwick Boseman, Nelsan Ellis

Rating: PG-13

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Round 1

Advantage biopic

Perhaps the most powerful weapon in this biopic’s arsenal is the PG-13 rating. Making a James Brown movie PG-13 is more unbelievable than “World War Z” trying to do zombies without an R. There’s a fair amount of randiness, but Brown is mostly neutered.

Advantage JB

Brown doesn’t play it safe in most other ways. Chadwick Boseman throws himself into the role and not only nails Brown’s husky drawl but his dynamic moves. He doesn’t try to play him as a real person who turns the show on and off; he’s always on.

Round 2

Advantage biopic

The movie does try to humanize Brown. It doesn’t take long to hop back to his less-than-idyllic childhood, when he was abandoned by his mother (Viola Davis). She proceeds to re-enter the narrative



Chadwick Boseman brings James Brown back to life in “Get On Up.” / D. STEVENS

at carefully chosen, manipulative instances. At one point it shuffles the chronology only so it can bring her back at the point in the film where it would be the most moving. There’s also a son who dies.

Advantage JB

But that’s basically it. Brown’s life doesn’t have a lot of warm material in it — just exhaustive performing, scrapping and reinventing. He dedicated himself completely to music

and making money. To make a routine tearjerker, a film would have to invent material from whole cloth. He’s like Charles Foster Kane, only he has no Rosebud, and he goes far, far more insane.

Round 3

Advantage biopic

“Get On Up” fights back by overdosing on eye-rolling biopic tropes. Among these is the rise-and-fall structure, in which Brown has a lot of fun, loses control and then spends the last half hour miserable until the filmmakers muster some weak form of closure.

Advantage JB

But the stretch of fun lasts pretty long. And it never totally settles into a this-happened-then-this-happened story. Once you get used to the Wikipedia-style exposition, it jumps around some more. It’s as if the script was periodically commandeered by Brown’s spirit, who ordered it loosened up.

Final blow

Alas, it’s still directed by Tate Taylor, of “The Help.” He’s a lot more loose than he was there, but he still tries to contain Brown. This is a movie at war with itself; it doesn’t know what it wants to be. But at least the internal chaos means it’s not dull.

Marvel movie. The nerd label goes interstellar for a very silly outing

‘Guardians of the Galaxy’

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Marvel’s sitting so high on a cash mountain they can throw \$170 million at a comic with almost none of the crossover power of “Iron Man” or even “Thor.” Chris

Pratt leads a motley crew of wacky misfits including a talking raccoon (voiced by Bradley Cooper) and a tree (Vin Diesel), bumming about space.

The lowdown: The “Marvel Cinematic Universe” has gotten fairly tired, so merely by taking place in another galaxy and

featuring more jokes than action, this is refreshing. And it’s lots of fun: More origin stories should feature a chaotic prison break and Michael Rooker in blue face.

But it’s not that refreshing. Despite the charm brought by indie genre director James Gunn (“Super”), it’s still Marvel business as usual, with an endless,

overloaded climax with little of the wit that preceded it.

Still, personality goes a long way, and it’s hard to resist a summer tentpole number that plays like one of those old junky “Star Wars” knockoffs (“Battle Beyond the Stars,” “Spacehunter,” “Ice Pirates”), only pricier and better made. **MATT PRIGGE**



That “Parks and Recreation” guy (Chris Pratt) cleans up nice in “Guardians of the Galaxy.” / MARVEL

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Chris O'Dowd:

Interview. The usually comic actor talks blending dark humor and dark drama in "Calvary."



CHRIS O'DOWD RETURNED
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Chris O'Dowd does comedy ("The IT Crowd," "Bridesmaids") and drama (his Tony-nominated turn in Broadway's "Of Mice and Men"). But he gets to do both in "Calvary." The latest from John Michael McDonagh ("The Guard"), it features him as a cuckolded butcher in a village whose local priest (Brendan Gleeson) receives a death threat from a mystery man who's angry about the Catholic Church's sex abuse scandal.

His initial reservations

"I remember when I learned that John Michael was going to do a film about the priesthood, I was a little wary. I had a very positive relationship with priests when I was young. I kind of presumed — erroneously, it turned out — that it was going to be a hatchet job on priests. When I read it, I was pleasantly surprised that that wasn't the case. I would consider myself an atheist — or as John would call it, 'a recovered Catholic.' I felt it was very interesting to have a priest who is a hero in a story where organized religion is often the enemy."

A priest at the helm

"The idea that Brendan's character is somewhat ridiculed by the rest of the community was interesting. For centuries, people were made to feel small by their church. Now they've become the bullies. It's almost like that thing where you're bullied then you go home and you bully your kids, and then your kids bully somebody else."



Going home

His relationship to the setting

"We shot the film 20 minutes down the road from where I grew up. That kind of nihilism the characters feel, I could recognize. Being brutally funny and brutally brutal is not something I had to think about."

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Brendan Gleeson and Chris O'Dowd chat in "Calvary." / FOX SEARCHLIGHT

The film is more agnostic than pro-religion in its philosophy

"Even though [the premise of 'Calvary' concerns] our relationship with the Church, it's not about whether a God exists. It's right to not come down on either side. Saying that God doesn't exist would have been as bad as John saying that he does."

Researching abuse by members of the Church

"I read a few cases. It's harrowing. The disappointing thing is once you start looking for that on Google, it's endless. It's one of the reasons I'm delighted the film is coming out. There are so many incredible stories — tragic and harrowing stories that have never been told. That we can do one feels good."

The dark-edged humor of brothers John Michael and Martin McDonagh

"They're cornering the market on that, the McDonaghs. They've got an incredible sense for it. It's almost like [Samuel] Beckett. The relationship between comedy and suspense is seen nowhere better at the moment than in the writing of the McDonaghs."

He always wanted to work with Brendan Gleeson

"He's a very sweet guy. He carries himself with such integrity. He's very open and very loose and always up for a joke. He has that kind of confidence where he doesn't need to portray grandeur. But once the cameras go on, he's like a colossus."



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Indie spotlight. James Franco does Cormac McCarthy and an Afrobeat deity gets a doc

'Child of God'

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Without anyone but film festival-goers and snarky journalists noticing, James Franco has amassed a considerable directorial résumé. The actor-author-poet-painter-filmmaker's 11th feature adapts Cormac McCarthy's reliably bleak-o-rama novel about a feral mountain man (Scott Haze) who does little but rape and murder the members of society attempting to tame him.

The lowdown: The novel's power lies primarily in the coarse, flowing prose and its willingness to see its worldview to its absurdist end point. That's not to say it can't be filmed. For a brief spell, Franco's "Child of God" seems like it might even work. Haze gives his all in a film that's dirty



Scott Haze plays a howling mountain man in James Franco's "Child of God."
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Go watch Fela Kuti bust a move in the new documentary "Finding Fela."
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'Finding Fela'

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Brian Eno once said there were three great beats in the '70s: Neu!, James Brown and Afrobeat god Fela Kuti. The latter finally gets a comprehensive documentary from the absurdly prolific Alex Gibney, who last year made docs on both Lance Armstrong and WikiLeaks.

The lowdown: Gibney makes documentaries the way a high school student puts together a history report: He gets the facts right (sometimes) but misses a crucial essence. That approach might work for a news item, but not for music, which requires a more instinctual approach.

Gibney sticks to the facts, and on one level that's good: He re-contextualizes songs and deals with Kuti's politics (and flaws). But Gibney has no rhythm, and his efforts to jump between his life story, the production of the Broadway musical "Fela!" and annotations of his music is literal-minded and messy. **MATT PRIGGE**

and unkempt.

Thing is, McCarthy's prose gives the illusion of shagginess when in actuality it's tightly controlled and whittled down to the bone. Franco's film, by contrast, is sloppy and borderline amateurish. His handheld cameras dodge

and weave, but that's all they do. Franco might one day make a great film; he certainly has the ambition. But he's still cutting his teeth. His "Child of God" doesn't shy from McCarthy's tough worldview, but that's the main thing it gets right.

TV watch list

REALITY

'The Quest'

If you like reality shows but wish they were less realistic, you might like this one. It's set in a fantasy realm. Contestants can expect to be surprised by ogres and dragons. **SERIES PREMIERE, 8 P.M., ABC**

COMEDY

'You're the Worst'

Gretchen wants a key to Jimmy's house, which he

will surely have no problem handing over. Or he might have the opposite reaction. **10:30 P.M., FX**

DRAMA

'The Honorable Woman'

Maggie Gyllenhaal stars in this drama about a British Israeli woman caught between her home country, her adopted country and government intelligence agencies trying to figure out her loyalties. **SERIES PREMIERE, 10 P.M., SUNDANCE LISA WEIDENFELD**



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"Pageant," which opened off-Broadway at The Davenport Theater July 14, is pure entertainment. It's a comedic romp that pokes fun at the pageant girl culture with men in drag representing various regions of the U.S. — like two of our favorites, Miss Bible Belt (Curtis Wiley) and Miss Great Plains

(Nick Cleary). From God-blessed Southern belles to the feisty Latina, the mish-mash of personalities and skewering of stereotypes provides nonstop laughs.

Contestants not only have to model bathing suits and ball gowns, but also skill terrible products — such as perfume for fat girls and industrial-strength facial spackle — for the sponsor, Glamouresse. There's also a talent portion of the evening that gets a little weird (in a good way), followed by a Q-and-A session that some ladies handle with more grace than others.



These six "ladies" must prove they have "something extra," according to the cheeky host of the Miss Glamouresse pageant. / TYRONE RASHEED

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Perhaps the most hilarious personality of the whole shebang is the evening's intensely charismatic host, Frankie Cavalier (John Bolton), who innocently interjects double entendre and moves the night along as it gets increasingly, amazingly awkward.

Every night, the audience votes for the win-

ner, giving the musical an interactive element that keeps each performance fresh. This is the best part: Your friendly seat neighbors will suddenly turn vicious, vigorously cheering on their personal favorite and booing any rivals in the lead.

Sure, it's silly, and the tunes aren't anything special, but once in awhile,

it's nice to kick back and enjoy something just for the sake of it. Mix it up on your next date night: "Pageant" runs 85 minutes without intermission, and you'll want to schedule time for a few cocktails before taking your seat.



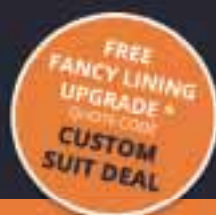
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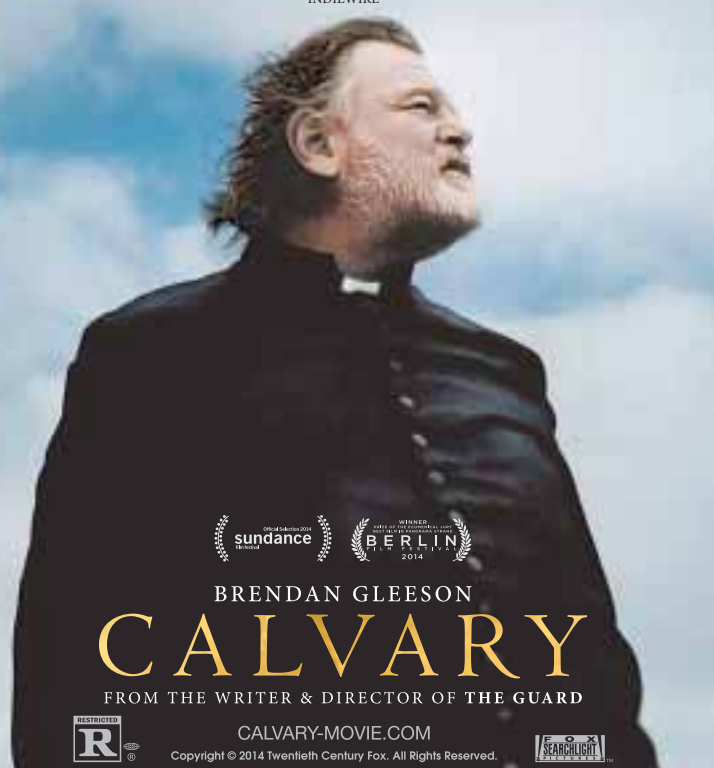
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Interview. From Nickelodeon co-stars to headlining a world tour, Malcolm Kelley and Tony Oller's friendship is the key to their success.

Between having their single "Classic" go platinum and getting ready for a world tour with Demi Lovato and Christina Perri, it's pretty sweet being Malcolm Kelley and Tony Oller, also known as MKTO, right now. But the guys swear they weren't always this cool.

Both Kelley and Oller say they had trouble fitting in when they were growing up.

"Tony was growing up in Texas where everyone was into sports. People gave him a hard time because he did theater and played piano," Kelley says. "The same thing happened to me. I starting acting at a young age, and certain people didn't get it."

Now that they've made it, those former haters are trying to backtrack, including girls who rejected them in the past.

"They definitely see the music videos and try to hit us up," Kelley says. "It's kinda funny. We just laugh."

Instead of taking advantage of their view from the top, the boys say they surround themselves with old friends and people who have supported them from the beginning.

One such friend is Demi Lovato, whom they'll be joining on tour. Oller and Lovato go way back — they both starred on Disney's "As the Bell Rings" — so it will be a reunion of sorts for them, and Kelley is looking forward to getting to know her outside of the award show circuit.

But even though both

guys are currently single, no one is calling dibs on Demi, not that they would let a girl jeopardize their five-year friendship.

"Tony and I played best friends on 'Gigantic,' and we were best friends off the show, too. [Since those early days] our friendship has just grown," Kelley says.

They even lived together in Los Angeles for two years when they weren't touring, but since "Classic" has gone platinum, they've both upgraded to bigger houses, a mile apart from each other.

Their working relationship is a true collaboration. They say their goal with their self-titled album was just to tell stories from their own lives, whether it was about being a misfit growing up, getting dumped or trying to find the right girl. Some of the songs on the album are pure pop rock while others have more of an R&B feel.

Kelley and Oller may still be experimenting musically and finding their sweet spot, but they do know that they'll be doing it together and having a blast in the process.

Playlist

Malcolm Kelley's top 5 "classic" songs:

- "Thriller" by Michael Jackson
- "Let's Get It On" by Marvin Gaye
- "Ribbon In The Sky" by Stevie Wonder
- "Classic" by MKTO
- "Latch" by Sam Smith



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Casket Girls put the fun in funeral

Rising stars.

This Savannah band combines dark lyrics, silly choreography and a little PDA with stunning results.

This year the Casket Girls introduced a new interactive element to their live show. No, it's not some high-tech backdrop or an app where the audience can help direct the action onstage. It's more old school than that.

Toward the end of the show, sisters Elsa and Phaedra Greene usually walk into the crowd and hug and kiss the spectators.

"It's an amazing personal experience for us," says Elsa. She's sitting in a vintage Airstream trailer in Texas. Beside her is her sister and across from them is Ryan Graveface, the man behind Graveface Records, who writes the instrumental portions of the Casket Girls songs. At the beginning of this interview, Graveface's identity was not immediately apparent to this reporter; when performing, he wears a knit ski mask to keep a microphone close to his mouth while operating the keyboards.

Both of the Greene sis-

ters are wearing gold wigs and their fingers and arms are covered in gaudy jewelry. Giant Jackie O. sunglasses obscure their faces.

"It's interesting, because of the glasses, it does create kind of a wall, yet our intention is to fully connection. That is our only intention, in fact," continues Elsa. "With the hugs, sometimes people are totally into it. Other times you can feel that when you first touch them they're not, but then you can just feel them give into it."

Seeing the Casket Girls perform live is more than just a chance to smooch and embrace the performers. Against Graveface's eerie keyboards, the Greene sisters sing poppy melodies and act out their dark lyrics to choreography that could have been borrowed from "Romy and Michele's High School Reunion" — almost like a more sinister version of Bananarama.

"For this tour, we put on the songs we were going to play and stood in front of the mirror," says Phaedra.

"We are trying to have fun and go back to when we were six years old and making up dances," adds Elsa.



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'A happy person'

'True Love Kills the Fairy Tale'

As for the dark lyrics, Phaedra reveals that the girls scour their dream journals for inspiration: "There are nightmares, there are weird anxiety dreams and there's just everything in there," she says.

"We may get into some heady, darker topics," says Elsa, "but I do feel there's an underlying feeling of hope."

With this, Graveface begins to snicker. Every-one in the trailer asks what he's laughing at.

"Every time she says the word, 'hope,' I laugh," he says.

OK. Why?

"I don't really think of anything positive," Graveface reveals, staring at the ground. It's not clear whether he's purposely affecting the surname he has adopted. "I'm not a happy person."

He pauses for a moment and looks up at his bandmates.

"I'm happy when I'm with them," he says. "They make me feel good. That's probably why this project does exist for me."

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The Casket Girls are, from left, Graveface, Phaedra and Elsa Greene. Their most recent album is "True Love Kills the Fairy Tale." / PAT HEALY, METRO

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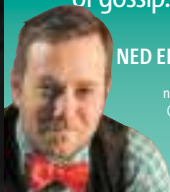
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Bloom takes a swing at Bieber



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Orlando Bloom is a tough guy to piss off. He's handsome, has a charming British accent and his status as a movie star remains unchallenged despite not doing much of note beyond "The Lord of the Rings." The man generally walks around with an "Isn't it awesome being me?" grin on his face. So getting him riled up has to be a challenge. And you know who's up to that challenge? Justin Bieber.

Bloom and the Biebs were living it up (separately) at Cipriani's in Ibiza — because of course they were — when some bad blood between the pair erupted into Bloom taking a swing. "Justin was at one table, and Orlando was at another," a source tells Page Six. "But when

Bieber and his party were later walking past Bloom's table, Orlando refused to shake Bieber's hand." Then, "Bieber said something rude to Orlando, like, 'She was good.'" That comment was apparently about Bloom's ex-wife, Miranda Kerr, a Victoria's Secret model who has had to spend time with Bieber in some capacity.

People, this is gossip Christmas. Wispy non-threatening millionaires trying to slap-fight in a nightclub with Diddy and Paris Hilton looking on? Hours later, Bieber took the only recourse natural to him: social media taunting. He posted a photo of Kerr in a bikini to his Instagram account, then quickly deleted it — but not before it could get over 94,000 likes. Sick burn, bro.



Talking point

Billy Bob Thornton on TV: Not quite a dream come true

What with his Emmy-nominated performance on " Fargo," Billy Bob Thornton definitely has a taste for television now. And he's got a few ideas about other shows in which he'd like to appear. "There's so much good stuff on TV," he tells E! News. "Maybe I can play — what's his name? Hodor on 'Games of Thrones,'



Billy Bob now has a taste for TV. / CHRIS LARGE, FX

the guy who only says, 'Hodor.' Maybe I could be his cousin or something, his long-lost cousin." Of course, life is not without regret, as Thornton jokes

that he came to television too late for one dream role. "'Saved by the Bell' is not on anymore, so I think I missed my chance," he says.

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Slather on coconut oil

Trend. This is one beauty craze that's worth the hype.

Coconut water isn't the only byproduct of the fruit that's having a moment. Coconut oil is popping up in the ingredient list of a ton of beauty products. The oil — a favorite among green-loving celebs such as Gwyneth Paltrow and Miranda Kerr — acts as a natural solution for everything from whitening teeth to treating damaged locks.

"Coconut oil is made of medium-chain fatty acids and is extremely hydrating, so it's great for moisturizing skin and making hair shiny," says NYC dermatologist and author of "Skin Rules," Dr. Debra Jaliman. "It also has wonderful anti-inflammatory effects that help irritated skin."

Jaliman does recommend avoiding the product if you're blemish-prone. But otherwise, slather it on dry feet, rough elbows and post-beach skin.



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In the kitchen

"Coconut oil has a low smoke point and is very healthy. It's cholesterol free and contains no trans fats — and it lowers cholesterol levels." Dr. Jaliman



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DATING 28

OkCupid experiment may violate FTC rules

Virtual romance.
A dating site's experiment has regulators raising eyebrows.

OkCupid's disclosure that the popular dating website intentionally misled couples about their suitability could open it up to a U.S. Federal Trade Commission inquiry, according to experts in consumer-protection law.

On Monday, President Christian Rudder disclosed that OkCupid had conducted experiments

on its users, including a test to see whether its assessment of their matchability led to successful dating.

"To test this, we took pairs of bad matches ... and told them they were exceptionally good for each other," Rudder wrote. "When we tell people they are a good match, they act as if they are."

OkCupid's actions, at least four legal experts say, appear to be in violation of a provision in the FTC act that prohibits "unfair and deceptive" practices by a company that result in misleading or harming consumers.



OkCupid revealed this week that it intentionally gave users misinformation about their matches. / POLKA DOT

Quoted

"When you're matching people up with individuals who are not good matches, that would certainly be deceptive."

Jesse Brody, Manatt Phelps & Phillips

"When you're matching people up with individuals who are not good matches, that would certainly be deceptive," says Jesse Brody of law firm Manatt Phelps & Phillips.

Other legal experts say deception would be difficult to prove.

Rudder said in a statement to Reuters that more than 1 million people had

logged on to OkCupid since he wrote about the experiment, and that the website has received fewer than 10 complaints.

The users subjected to the experiment were notified at its conclusion, he said. This type of "diagnostic research" is permitted by the site's terms of service, Rudder added.

REUTERS

Single in the city. New York City named one of the best for singles

You don't need to move to Paris to dwell in a "city of love." It turns out the Big Apple ranks pretty high on Rent.com's new list: Top 10 Cities for Singles.

New York City came in second only to San Francisco. With a whopping 38 percent of its booming population consisting of single adults and a perfect score of 1,000 in the "nightlife options," "restaurant options" and "frequent coffee shop goers" indices, Manhattan is miles ahead of most cities. However, you'd better brace yourself for some steep living costs — New York's "median rental rate" is the highest in the nation.

The survey results were based on rental data from Rent.com and demographics from Onboard Informatics. Factors like concentration of single adults, safety, nightlife activity, variety of dining and coffee shop density were evaluated on a 1,000 point scale to find the Top 10 cities for seeking out love. **RACHEL LEE**



It turns out New York is a great place to look for love. / FUSE

Rent.com's Top 10 Cities for Singles

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2. New York, N.Y.
3. Washington, D.C.
4. Boston, Mass.
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10 GREAT MYTHS THAT DESTROY RELATIONSHIPS

Lovers, your hearts will be happy that you read today's column. I grabbed Mark A. Michaels and Patricia Johnson to talk about their latest book, *Partners In Passion: A Guide to Great Sex, Emotional Intimacy and Long-Term Love*. Here they explain how to create your own route to pleasure.

How did the two of you become so sexy?

Patricia: Mark is a noble soul. He's very curious. He has mad skills and also mad intellect.

Mark: Patricia is just a stunningly beautiful woman. She also has a background as an opera singer. In terms of her sexuality, I feel like the amount of connection with your body that you have to have if you're doing that well just translates

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into this incredible access to sexual energy.

I love your 10 myths. Tell me more.

Mark: The first myth is that you need to find a soul mate and there's one person out there for you who will complete you. The reality, as we see it, is this sets people of for very unrealistic expectations, constant disappointments and constant searching for something that's perceived as missing.

Patricia: Right. [Single people] will go through exercises and they'll start to describe their ideal mate, what would make them happy. What they're really doing is building a fictional character, almost like a fairy-tale character.

Mark: And, of course, when they get infatuated, it's really easy to squeeze



A new book explains how couples can build long-term emotional intimacy. / FUSE

List

The 10 big myths

- 1 You need to find a soul mate.
- 2 They lived happily ever after.
- 3 You should work on your relationship. (Hint: You are not each other's problem to solve. See your relationship as an ongoing joint venture or a strong collaboration.)
- 4 Men are from Mars, women are from Venus.
- 5 Relationships and sex are about getting your needs met.
- 6 Desiring someone else is a form of infidelity.
- 7 Monogamy is natural and optimal.
- 8 Sex should be spontaneous.
- 9 The sex in the movies, on TV and in porn is good.
- 10 There is a right way to be sexual.

that person into the mould, even if they really don't fit.

Why does anyone need a book to tell them how to have sex?

Patricia: A common theme we found was that in happy relationships that were erotically engaged, there is this willingness to learn something new. It's a willingness to accept that, today, I didn't know something and I'm going to go learn something new tomorrow.

Are you saying nerds make better lovers?

Patricia: Yes.

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The second floor, set to open next month, will have a rooftop feel (solariums!) and house Urbo Loft for high-end dining and Bar Urbo, a lounge area.

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Grown-up fun. You're not too old for this summer tradition.

Is the heat making you nostalgic for summer camp? Relive your childhood with these camp classics that are all just a subway ride away.

Get crafty

Are you itching after getting bitten by the DIY bug? Brooklyn Craft Company offers evening classes for hipsters who want to do more than make picture frames out of Popsicle sticks. The projects include sweet terrariums in apothecary jars, leather clutches and totes, and crocheted

chain bracelets that are a major upgrade from the friendship bracelets of your adolescence.

61 Greenpoint Ave.

Movie night

The city is teeming with outdoor movie nights, but Rooftop Films brings unique indie titles to rooftops around Queens, Manhattan and Brooklyn. Watch the silver screen light up the sky; bet you didn't have this backdrop when you were at camp.

RooftopFilms.com

Splash around

You won't get much exercise at the tiny Pop-up Pool at Brooklyn Bridge Park, but you can chill out by the equally tiny adjacent

beach while your kids take a dip. After 6 p.m., you can even get sangria, beer or wine at the Lizzmonade beverage stand. And you may have to leave the city to go tubing or jump on a blob, but you can go kayaking or stand-up paddleboarding in New York Harbor with Manhattan Kayak Company — you won't even have to leave the waters of Midtown.

Pier 2, Brooklyn Bridge Park; 555 12th Ave.

Kiss and tell

Make-out sessions are the most important part of camp. You won't need to hide behind a cabin when you sidle up next to your boo in the cozy, spacious backyard of new bar Camp David on Avenue B.

221 Ave. B.

Team sports

Have a ball

You definitely didn't play BubbleBall when you were at camp, but this takes your pick-up soccer or softball games up a notch. Head to Chelsea Piers and suit up in a giant inflatable bubble to bump and tumble over your friends. A ref will make sure the fun stays good and clean.

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S'mores

Sweet tooth

Leave it to New York bakeries to turn the lowbrow sweet into a bourgeois treat. Butter & Scotch makes a gooey S'more Pie with marshmallow fluff and chocolate ganache in a graham cracker crust. For a grown-up take that will cool you down, heed the hype and get a Frozen S'more from Dominique Ansel Bakery.

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FILM

'A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night'

Saturday, 8 p.m.

Industry City, 220 36th St., Sunset Park, \$13, 347-417-8455, www.rooftopfilms.com

Set in the fictional Iranian town of Bad City, the gloomy locals are unknowingly stalked by a lonely vampire girl. Shot in black and white with an art house aesthetic, but intertwined with modern touches like a partially contemporary indie rock soundtrack (perhaps co-producer Elijah Wood's influence?) this atmospheric romance will even have you laughing at times.



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LOCAL HISTORY



PATRICK CASHIN

Nostalgia Ride — to the Rockaways by Rail

Aug. 3, 11 a.m.

New York Transit Museum, Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, \$50, 718-694-1600, web.mta.info/mta/museum
Because today's trains just aren't what they used to be, take a trip to the Rockaways on the Nostalgia Ride — a train made up of the Transit Museum's fleet of post-war cars. No panhandlers or breakdancers on this line, but museum staff will be onboard showing off transportation artifacts as part of a new hands-on history activity.

FILM

Sound + Vision

Thursday-Aug. 6
Film Society of Lincoln Center
144 W. 65th St.
\$13, 212-875-5367
www.filmilinc.com

The music documentary festival, now in its second year, features films covering the careers of some of the most beloved bands of all time — The Jesus and Mary Chain, Pulp, My Bloody Valentine, Rodrigo y Gabriela, GOMA — as well as the cultural, social and political influence of music. Plus performances by Dragons of Zynth and Glass Ghost.

'The Karate Kid'

Aug. 4, 5 p.m.

Bryant Park
40 W. 40th St.
Free, 212-768-4242
www.bryantpark.org

"Wax on, wax off," the wise words of Mr. Miyagi had Daniel-san crane-kicking all over town in this classic Ralph Macchio '80s flick. See it free as part of HBO's summer film festival.

WORKSHOPS

One World Summit

Saturday, Aug. 3, 9:30 a.m.

Centre for Social Innovation
601 W. 26th St.

\$75-\$95, 212-274-8444

www.oneworldsummitnyc.com

Get an inside look at how social change happens over two days of speakers, workshops and a pitch competition focused on the next generation of aspiring activists. Learn practical skills, network and hear from social entrepreneurs, nonprofit managers and thought leaders.

COMEDY

Action Park Goes to Action Park

Aug. 3, 9 p.m.

Magnet Theater
254 W. 29th St.

\$7, 212-244-8824

www.magnettheater.com

When Action Park closed 15 years ago, the Magnet sketch team quickly took its name. Now that Action Park has reopened, the group is putting on a "theme park-themed" comedy show — with a splash warning.

Liam McEneaney's 29th Birthday Bash

Aug. 5, 8 p.m.

The Bell House

149 Seventh St., Gowanus

\$20, 718-643-6510

www.thebellhouse.com

Comedian Liam McEneaney is celebrating the last year of his 20s with music and laughter, inviting Gilbert Gottfried, former Soul Coughing lead singer Mike Doughty, guitarist Kaki King and local act Hand Job Academy to entertain him and attendees.

MUSIC

Punk Rock

Summer Nationals

Aug. 4-5, 6:30 p.m.

Terminal 5

610 W. 56th St.

\$45-\$50, 212-582-6600

www.terminal5nyc.com

So much for keeping the 21st-century boys separated. This event is bringing you Bad Religion AND The Offspring, along with classic pop-punk acts Pennywise and The Vandals. This may not be the '90s, but it's sure going to sound like the '90s. Still got a pair of JNCOS?

COMING UP

Seafood Soirée

Aug. 13, 6 p.m.

The Water Club

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What else would you expect to do at a joint called The Water Club? Join Edible Manhattan for this rooftop feast benefitting the Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance. Admission includes all food and drink.

JAY HONSTETTER

TOYS

AARON SYLVAN



The Wind-up Circus

Aug. 3, 2 p.m.

Coney Island Sideshow Theater, 1208 Surf Ave. \$10, www.museumofinterestingthings.org

The Museum of Interesting Things takes over Coney Island for a ride through time. See toys and relics that date back over 100 years, including some early 1900s — and even a few 1800s — Stereoviews and Mutoscope cards. See demos and play with old wind-up toys. And when you're done, take a ride on the Cyclone. You're at Coney Island.

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♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.

The opportunity to form your own business looks favorable. Take the first steps with pride.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.

Career matters should be at the top of your list today. You can take advantage of a lucrative financial deal if you are ready to act.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.

Show off your best qualities. Your improved appearance will make you feel more confident and assured. You will earn more respect from others if you feel better about yourself.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.

Others might try to influence you, but don't do anything that could compromise your health today.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.

Use a friend as a sounding board for your ideas. By voicing your dreams, you are likely to attract help.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.

Business dealings and negotiations will not be fruitful today. Set aside time to work on your own tasks, and avoid being drawn into disagreements.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.

By joining in discussions with people from different backgrounds, you will find a space to share novel and creative ideas.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.

The health concerns of an older relative must not be overlooked. Take a close look at this person's surroundings to help safeguard against accidents.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.

Stay away from the spotlight today. Unless your opinion is asked for, keep quiet. You could end up in a verbal tug-of-war.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.

Don't let restlessness or irritability get to you. Instead, catch up on unfinished chores that have been nagging at you.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.

Consider modernizing your look. You can be more stylish without falling prey to the latest fashion trends. Ask your friends for help.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.

You will benefit if you put more effort into achieving harmony at home. Being agreeable and offering assistance will help you build ties. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Letters

No excuse for coming illegally

Re: 'Who else would we underpay?' (Metro, July 30) Letter writer Pasquale G. Tato couldn't be more wrong about his "facts." The wages for those jobs would either go up OR get done by the people who used to pay illegal workers to do it. The U.S. economy would chug forward, as the only things illegal workers bring to the table are low expectations and desperation. This problem can only be solved by going after those who knowingly employ illegal workers with the hammer and tongs of Hell. Stopping the supply of under-the-table work will cause those without documentation to self-deport. **J.D. TORDOFF, VIA EMAIL**

There always has been and always will be immigration laws. And they are meant to be restrictive. All countries do this, to protect their own citizens and country from being overrun. One must follow the laws or be thrown out. And please don't use that tired old statement about the illegals taking unwanted jobs. If that is true, how come we have so many unemployed people on the welfare rolls? It's these uneducated illegals who, when they get here, want free housing, health care and food.

MARIL GOSNIK, VIA EMAIL

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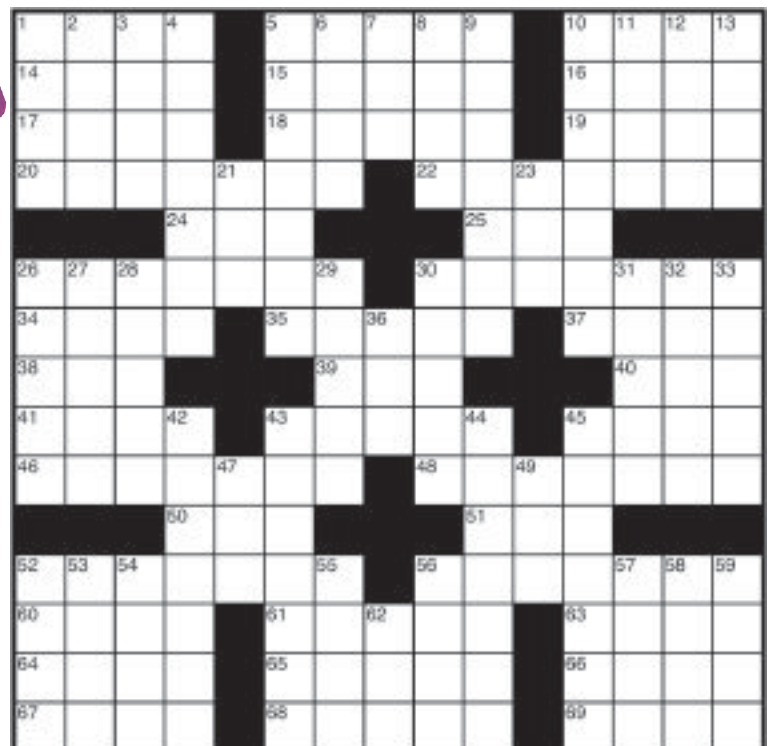
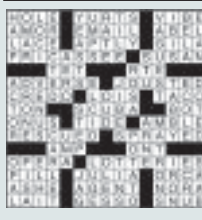
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SPORTS

Strahan takes spot in Canton

NFL. The greatest defensive end in Giants history will enter the Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Former Giant Michael Strahan never dreamed of making the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Heck, he just didn't want to spend his post-college days sleeping on his parents' couch.

"My goals when I first started were just to make a little money so I didn't



Strahan brought the Giants their Super Bowl championship in February 2008. / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers

22.5

Strahan set a single-season record with 22 1/2 sacks in 2000. The rest of the Giants had 23 1/2 combined.

have to move back in my parents' house," Strahan said in a conference call last week. "I just didn't want to live with my parents. That was my goal to try to just make my parents proud, make them happy, play hard and just do the best I could do."

Strahan did a lot more

than just make a little money. He finished with 141 1/2 sacks, fifth all time, and four first-team All-Pro honors. He'll take his place in the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday (7 p.m., ESPN2/NFL Network).

"I'm just honored, because there's nothing I had in my brain, nothing I imagined when I started out, that I would be joining these guys in the Hall of Fame," Strahan said. "I'm honored to be doing so."



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Giants vs. Bills: Three things to watch

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The city will take on the country as the Giants and Bills meet in the Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio, one day after the 2014 class is enshrined — Sunday night (8 p.m., NBC).

Metro gives you three storylines to watch, mostly pertaining to the reserves, as you shouldn't expect to see Eli Manning and the first-teamers more than a series or two.

1 Big Will style

With running back David Wilson already ruled out of the preseason opener, rookie Andre Williams will likely see plenty of time in the backfield. Running backs coach Craig Johnson called his blocking

a "work in progress" last week, but praised his overall game. "He's got a lot of burst, a lot of energy and he's very fresh, so I was excited about what he did," Johnson said of Williams' early days in camp. First-round pick Odell Beckham is unlikely to play as he deals with a hamstring injury, so Williams will be the rookie skill player getting all the attention Sunday.



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2 Tight fight

Larry Donnell won't exactly send shudders racing down defensive backs' spines like Rob Gronkowski or Jimmy Graham, but he is the starter at tight end as the preseason gets underway. The second-year pro had just three catches last season as he played a hybrid fullback/tight end role. He's competing with Kellen Davis, Adrien Robinson and Daniel Fells for the majority of snaps at tight end. Someone will have to step up in the preseason.

3 Moore playing time

Damontre Moore made a name for himself in preseason last year. But when it came to the regular season, the rookie defensive end was mostly quiet. Justin Tuck departed in the offseason, so someone will need to replace his production on the defensive line. The 6-foot-5 Moore is a natural pick due to his unnatural length and athleticism. **MARK OSBORNE**

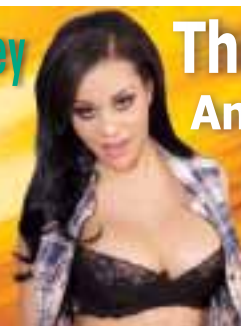
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